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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRAZZAVILLE 0756

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, MOPS, CF, CG, GB  
SUBJECT: CONGOLESE-ZAIRIAN RELATIONS

1. ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR ATEMBINA-TE-BOMBO WAS CONVOKED TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT YHOMBY-OPANGO, EVENING JUNE 8. ACCORDING TO ATEMBINA, WHO TALKED WITH CHARGE JUNE 10, YHOMBY REITERATED HIS FRIENDSHIP TOWARD MOBUTU AND HIS (GRATUITOUS) APPROVAL OF ZAIRE REQUESTING HELP FROM ITS FRIENDS. WHAT YHOMBY COULD NOT SUPPORT, HOWEVER, WAS CREATION OF INTER-AFRICAN FORCE OUTSIDE OAU AUSPICES. ATEMBINA CHARACTERIZED MEETING AS "FRIENDLY."

2. IN FOLLOW-UP, ZAIRE'S DEPUTY CHIEF OF SECURITY IS VISITING BRAZZAVILLE AFTERNOON JUNE 10, TO PRESENT PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM MOBUTU TO YHOMBY. ATEMBINA WAS VEXED THAT CONGOLESE HAD SUGGESTED DEPUTY COME RATHER THAN SECURITY CHIEF HIMSELF, WHO HAD BEEN EMISSARY INITIALLY CHOSEN BY MOBUTU. CONGOLESE REPORTEDLY TOLD ZAIRIANS THAT LATTER'S SECURITY CHIEF, WHO APPARENTLY IS WELL KNOWN IN BRAZZAVILLE, HAVING PREVIOUSLY BROUGHT MESSAGES

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FROM KINSHASA, WOULD BE TOO VISIBLE, AND COULD LEAD TO SUSPICION THAT "CONGO IS SELLING ITSELF TO ZAIRE."

3. ATEMBINA ALSO TOLD CHARGE THAT ON JUNE 9, MFA HAD INFORMED HIM THAT OVERFLIGHT WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE GRANTED TO MIRAGES "RECENTLY PURCHASED BY ZAIRE FROM FRANCE." MFA REPORTEDLY EXPLAINED THAT CONGOLESE

POPULATION "WOULD NOT UNDERSTAND CONTRADICTION BETWEEN  
GOCB'S OPPOSITION TO PAN-AFRICAN PRESENCE IN SHABA,  
WHILE ALLOWING OVERFLIGHT."

4. ALTHOUGH ATEMBINA REPEATED TO CHARGE RUMOR  
CIRCULATING JUNE 9 CONCERNING AND INCREASED CUBAN PRESENCE  
AT GOMA-TSETSE MILITARY CAMP, IMMEDIATELY WEST OF  
BRAZZAVILLE, THIS HAS NOT YET BEEN VERIFIED. WE ARE  
FOLLOWING UP.

5. ATEMBINA PICTURES YHOMBY AS INCREASINGLY UNDER  
INFLUENCE OF SOVIETS AND MCP RADICALS, ALTHOUGH  
ATEMBINA ACKNOWLEDGES THAT CONGO-ZAIRE BILATERAL  
RELATIONS ARE BETTER THAN THEY HAVE BEEN FOR YEARS.

6. YHOMBY ALSO HAS RECEIVED SENEGAL, CAMEROON, AND  
GABON REPRESENTATIVES OVER PAST TWO DAYS AND, WE  
UNDERSTAND, HAS SPOKEN TO THEM IN VEIN SIMILAR TO  
THAT REPORTED PARA ONE. GABON FOREIGN MINISTER IS  
EXPECTED TO VISIT BRAZZAVILLE THIS WEEK WITH A MESSAGE  
FROM PRESIDENT BONGO.

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